



**Friday
September 19, 2008**

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
American River College
Cafeteria

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AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE
Campus Life and Veterans Club

Did you know?

- Since October 2001, approximately 1.64 million U.S. troops have been deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF/Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF/Iraq), (DoD, 2008).
- The 2008 RAND report estimated that 300,000 OEF/OIF service members currently suffer from PTSD or major depression and that 320,000 individuals experienced a probable traumatic brain injury (TBI) during deployment. About one-third of those previously deployed have at least one of these three conditions, and about 5 percent report symptoms of all three.
- As of April 2007 there are over 15,600 veterans attending California Community Colleges, 3,853 veterans attending CSU, and 793 attending UC. In Spring of 2008, there were 690 veterans enrolled at American River College. (VA Educational Compliance Office) .

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4700 College Oak Drive
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FREE forum

*for Educators and Community
Advocates for Veterans*

Seating is limited!!

Register at **arc.losrios.edu/roadhome**
or call 484-8382

Deadline to register is **Monday, September 15, 2008**
Contact Barbara Westre (westreb@arc.losrios.edu)
or Kolin Williams (williakn.arc.losrios.edu)
for more information.

Registration and Hotel Information



Registration and hotel information may be found on the website at

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Registration Deadline: Monday, September 15, 2008

Hotel & Directions: Holiday Inn, Northeast, Sacramento (see website for directions and rates)

The Road Home...

from
COMBAT
to
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
BEYOND

Join Us!!

Community colleges across America are witnessing a wave of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. American River College currently has over 400 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans.

"The Road Home..." forum goal is to increase community awareness and understanding and to foster greater collaboration among colleges, communities and veteran service providers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND??

- Administrators
- Faculty and staff from all academic disciplines
- Disabled Student Service Program staff
- College Veteran Program coordinators and administrators
- Instructors and Coordinators of student success programs
- Counselors and staff from all student service programs
- Outreach and retention specialists
- Veterans and family members
- Community Service agencies servicing veterans

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Guest Speakers:

Todd Stenhouse... Communications and Resource Development Specialist with the National Veterans Foundation.

Floyd "Shad" Meshad... President and Founder of the National Veterans Foundation (NVF). Meshad is among America's foremost experts on combat stress, trauma therapy and readjustment issues. Shad Meshad has appeared on many national programs, including "60 Minutes," "20/20," "NBC Dateline," "ABC Nightline," and CNN news broadcasts.

Dr. Joseph Bobrow... founder of the Coming Home Project, a non-profit organization.

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Parking is free day of event

~ Program ~

7:45-8:30Registration

8:30-8:45Introductions/Welcome

Joe Sjolund, Counselor, American River College

David Viar, President, American River College

Todd Stenhouse, National Veterans Foundation

8:45-10:15Panel One Topic: Global Issues and Challenges Facing Veterans and Their Families.

Floyd (Shad) Meshad, National Veterans Association

Dr. Joseph Bobrow, Coming Home Project

OIF(Operation Iraq Freedom)/OEF(Enduring Freedom) College Veterans

10:15-10:30 ...Break

10:30-12:00 ...Panel Two Topic: Development of a "Veteran Friendly" Campus and Community Collaboration Model.

Catherine Morris, Veterans Counselor, Sierra College

Robin Neal, Dean of Enrollment Services, American River College

Roy Beckhorn, Supervisor of Financial Aid, American River College

Mike Farrell, Veterans Educational Compliance Specialist

Andre Sims, Peaceful Warrior's Physical Education Instructor, Sierra College

12:00-12:15 ...Closing Remarks

Barbara Westre, Disabled Students Program Services, Counselor, American River College

Kolin Williams, Disabled Students Program Services, Counselor, American River College

Todd Stenhouse, National Veterans Foundation

12:15-2:00Lunch

Vendors

Veterans Benefits and Education Fair

The Financial Aid Office staff will be available for questions